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SUBJECT: East German Foundry Coke Situation  
for the Last Half of 1953

1. The following table shows East German foundry coke requirements for the second half of 1953; all amounts are in metric tons.

Plant	Product	Production (Auflage)	Norm	Requirements
Eisenhuettenkombinat				
J. W. Stalin (EKS)	Pig Iron	366,000	1.44	527,000
Maxhuette	Pig Iron	190,000	1.11	211,000
	Limestone			6,000
Eisenwerke West.	Pig Iron	94,000	2.50	23,500
Salze (EM)	Ores to be Smelted	668,000	0.24	160,500
Hansfeld Kombinat	First Kalte, Black Copper, Lead Castings, etc.			12,000
Others	Castings, Iron Alloys, Lead, Dolomite, etc.			60,000
				<u>1,211,500</u>
Gas Coke	Limestone, Iron Alloys, Carbide, Sintering Installations, Castings, etc.			66,000
				<u>1,277,500</u>

2. The following are yearly allocations for 1953 according to the Economic Plan; figures are given in metric tons.

Foundry Coke	1,680,000
Gas Coke	100,000
High-temperature Coke	375,000
	<u>2,155,000</u>

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3. The following table shows how much of the required cokes has been realized; amounts are in metric tons:

In the First Half Year 1953

Foundry Coke	about 866,000
Gas Coke	about 111,000
High Temperature Coke	about 31,200
	<u>1,008,200</u>

In the Month of July 1953

Foundry Coke	about 165,000
Gas Coke	about 29,000
High-Temperature Coke	9,000
	<u>203,000</u>

Total, 1 January to 31 July 1953

Foundry Coke	1,031,000
Gas Coke	140,000
High-Temperature Coke	40,200
	<u>1,211,200</u>

4. The following amounts of coke will therefore be at the disposal of East German industry during the period from August to December 1953:

Foundry Coke	649,000
Gas Coke	-
High-Temperature Coke	334,800
	<u>983,800</u>

5. The figures listed above are, of course, of a highly theoretical character (with the possible exception of those for foundry coke). It may be assumed, for example, that gas coke will continue to be delivered at the same rate, even though the allocation has already been overfulfilled by 40,000 metric tons. Moreover, it has already become clear that it will be impossible to produce the amounts of high-temperature coke called for in the plan. Only about 15,000 metric tons of high-temperature coke suitable for metallurgical purposes is produced each month. Taking these facts into consideration, the actual production of coke in East Germany during the period from August to December 1953 will be approximately as follows:

Foundry Coke	about 649,000
Gas Coke	about 125,000
High-Temperature Coke	about 75,000
	<u>849,000</u>

6. Only 1,052,000 metric tons of coke will therefore be available to East Germany during the second half of 1953, although the plan calls for a total of 1,277,500 metric tons. Thus, about 225,500 metric tons of coke are lacking for the last two quarters of 1953.

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